

This general guide is intended to clarify various activities allowed/restricted under Stage 1 & Stage 2 Fire Restrictions and Closures. Exceptions to the allowance/restriction of an activity may be considered, but must be explained/described clearly to provide general public understanding.

ACTIVITY.....	Stage 1	Stage 2	Closure
Fires allowed within a metal fire ring or grate.	Y	N	N
Fires allowed within rock fire rings.	N	N	N
Fire allowed in enclosed gas, propane or butane-type camp stoves.	Y	Y	N
Use of 'tiki' lights... (why? open flame)	N	N	N
Charcoal fires allowed within metal BBQ (ie. portable Weber-type BBQ)	Y	N	N
Woodstoves allowed <u>within</u> cabins. <i>Must have spark arrestor or wire mesh screens over stove pipes.</i>	Y	Y	N
Woodstoves allowed within canvas wall tents.	N	Decision Factor	N
Smoking allowed in enclosed vehicle or building, at an improved place of habitation, developed designated recreation site or stopped within an area 3 ft. diameter that is cleared of all flammable material.	Y	Y	N
Allows use of generators placed on area cleared of flammable material.	Y	Decision Factor	N
<u>Logging Operations:</u>			
• Allows use of Chainsaw , log skidding activities or delimbing operations.	Y	Y**	N
• Allows loading and hauling operations to occur on a cleared landing site.	Y	Y	N
<u>Trail or Road Maintenance/Building Operations:</u>			
• Allows road maintenance/building/clearing operations to occur.	Y	Y**	N
• Allows brushing, mowing or weed whacking to occur.	Y	Y**	N
Allows welding, use of acetylene torches.	Y	Y**	N
Allows use of explosives.	Y	Y**	N
Allows the use of fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices.	N	N	N

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Prohibiting the operation of an internal combustible engine between the hours of 1:00 P.M and 1:00 A.M ('hoot-owl') is in reference to INDUSTRIAL USES/OPERATIONS (the intent of the 36 CFR 261.52(h) clause - ie. wood cutting using a chainsaw, operating skidding equipment, blasting or welding, etc.). So,

Equipment with Internal Combustion Engines NOT AFFECTED by the 'hoot-owl' hours under Stage 2 include:

Generators used by campers and campground hosts.	They need to be placed in a cleared out area; they need to be in good working condition; a fire extinguisher placed nearby wouldn't hurt either...
Driving a passenger car, pickup, motorcycle, ATV's, etc.	However, must remain on designated routes and Forest system roadways, as indicated in the GNF Forest Order 01-11-00-01 (which at this time, still overrides the fourth Stage 2 clause (36 CFR 261.56) restricting off road use).
Logging Operation - Loading/Decking logs at a Landing Site.	May occur all day on a cleared landing. Recommended 1 to 2 hour patrol following completion of all work for that day.
Logging Operation - Hauling	

Equipment with Internal Combustion Engines AFFECTED by 'hoot-owl' hours under Stage 2 include:

Operating Chainsaws.	Includes all chainsaw use performed on the harvest unit, and processing/limbing operations on the landing site.
Operating Delimbing Equipment.	Includes automated delimbing equipment situated on the landing site.
Operating Skidding Equipment.	Includes skidding operations on the harvest unit, and skidding of logs to the landing site.
Operating Acetylene or other torch, welding operations.	Only allowed with an emergency work permit.
Use of explosives.	For new or existing road or trail reconstruction/decommissioning/maintenance.
Operating backhoes, excavators, dozers, and includes other brush-removal equipment.	For new or existing road or trail reconstruction/decommissioning/maintenance. Exemptions may be considered if adequate water source is available (case-by-case).